

Wildlife Conservation Board

PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT APPLICATION

The Wildlife Conservation Board can enter into cooperative project agreements with other agencies of the state, local agencies or nonprofit organizations for the development of facilities for public access for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreation. The Board funds the construction of fishing piers and development of fishing access sites, the development of hunting access areas, support facilities and the development of pedestrian trails for those wanting to enjoy California's fish and wildlife resources. Applications for project funding are accepted on a year-round continuous basis. The Board normally meets every three months for the purpose of considering proposals. Meetings are held in February, May, August and November and are open to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Entity Requesting Funding (Project Sponsor): _____

Mailing Address: _____
: _____

Person Representing Organization: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Federal Employee Identification Number: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: _____ County: _____

Project Location: _____

Ownership of Project Site: _____

Project Objective: _____

Funding Requested: \$ _____

Total Project Cost (include in-kind contributions): \$ _____

Proposed starting date: _____ Estimated completion date: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Thoroughly describe the full project and clearly indicate which portions are proposed for WCB funding. Attach location maps, site maps, conceptual drawings or engineering plans, color photographs, etc., to help describe your proposal.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. The project provides recreation primarily for hunting or fishing use or other wildlife-associated recreation of statewide or regional significance.
2. The Department of Fish and Game supports the funding of the project.
3. There is an identifiable need for the facilities.
4. The project is located on land owned by the local agency, or some other public agency, who will provide the State with a free lease, or other proprietary interest, for a minimum 25-year period.
5. The local agency/sponsor will agree to enter into an agreement for operation and maintenance of the project for a minimum 25-year period.
6. The local agency/sponsor will provide matching funds for pier project development.
7. Project costs are reasonable and funding is available for the proposed project.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. The local agency/sponsor provides a firm cost estimate for the project and provides for the project design and contract administration for the project.
2. The local agency/sponsor must adopt a resolution agreeing to: 1) endorse the project; 2) lease the necessary land to the State; 3) operate and maintain the project upon completion; and 4) provide for local funding, if appropriate.
3. If the sponsor is a corporation or nonprofit organization, they must identify individual responsible for execution of the construction contract and operation and maintenance agreement .
4. The local agency/sponsor must provide environmental documentation that NEPA and/or CEQA are satisfied (as appropriate).
5. The local agency/sponsor must obtain all necessary permits to complete the project.
6. When the project is completed, the local agency/sponsor must submit "as-built" plans (8 ½ X 11" scale) to the WCB.
7. While not a requirement of all project proposals, additional consideration will be given to projects that leverage funding through partnerships, donations and/or grants. Fishing pier proposals must include a 50% match.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

When to Apply:

The WCB meets four times a year, usually in February, May, August and November. Processing time for applications can vary depending on completeness of the application, project benefits, and funding availability. Allow a minimum of six months from submittal of application to project approval. Calendar dates for the meetings are available on request from the WCB office at (916) 445-8448, and on line at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wcb/index.html>.

Applications should be sent to:

**Al Wright, Executive Director
Wildlife Conservation Board
1807 13th Street, Suite 103
Sacramento, California 95814-7117**

Review Process:

The WCB will accept proposals on a continuous basis, and will notify applicants in writing about whether or not the proposal is acceptable, incomplete, or not acceptable. All proposals will be evaluated with assistance from the Department of Fish and Game. If a proposed project is acceptable, and funding is available, a grant agreement or contract will be prepared for the applicant, and the proposal will be scheduled for consideration at a future WCB meeting.

For more information call:

**Wildlife Conservation Board
Public Access Program Manager
(916) 445-1095**